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Service station would be an 'important rest stop' for M3

By Eva Astreinidou

A NEW motorway service station with a 100-room hotel and a coffee shop could be built in Basingstoke.

The proposals have been submitted for land to the south of junction 6 of the M3.

The plans include a hotel, drive-thru Costa, petrol station, shop and parking for cars, coaches, motorcycles and caravans.

The scheme would also involve alterations to the roundabout and slip roads on the current junction.

Developers Moto Hospitality are seeking public opinion by November 23, with a decision expected by February.

Property director Mark Franks said: "This proposed service area will provide an important rest stop for what is a major route.

"In addition to providing that much-needed facility, our plans will bring many new jobs as well as helping to secure investment in the local economy. We are delighted to consult with the people of Basingstoke and look forward to hearing their thoughts on the plans."

Moto Hospitality has said the proposal will create 215 permanent jobs, as well as more in the construction phase of the project.

The site will cover 21.34 hectares of land and will provide 615 car spaces, 50 light goods vehicle spaces, 24 motorcycle spaces and 18 caravan spaces.

Following a consultation in July, the hospitality company changed the colour scheme of the main building to merge more easily with the chalkland background.

The number of trees to be planted to landscape the site was also increased to 8,500 from 1,300.

Concerns have been raised over whether this development would take away land that could be developed for new housing, and over the disruption caused by the alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and its slip roads to form an access point.

There have also been doubts raised about the need for the development, particularly because of the existing services at Winchester and Fleet.

To comment on the plans, visit https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/ and search for the planning reference code 17/03487/FUL.

An image of the service station with a hotel planned at junction 6 of the M3

Marching to remember the fallen

Proudly marching to honour those who gave their lives in conflict, RAF Odiham personnel took part in a parade watched by young and old paying their respects. *See page 8 for more*

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No Persuasion needed as sons buy picture for mum

By Eva Astreinidou

A CANCER charity has had a fundraising boost thanks to the auction of a portrait of Pride and Prejudice author Jane Austen.

Ark benefited from an online auction in which a councillor bid for a portrait of the world-renowned writer, previously owned by the charity.

The art is now hanging in pride of place in the home of the borough's 'first lady', Mayoress Jane Frankum after her sons, the borough's Mayor Cllr Paul Frankum and Tony, successfully bid for it as a birthday gift for her.

The charity has so far raised £1.6million of a total £5m needed to build a new cancer treatment centre that will offer support services and therapies alongside chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments.

Councillor Jane Frankum with the painting of Jane Austen that was bought for her by her sons, Mayor Paul Frankum, right and Tony Picture: Sarah Gaunt Photography

Mrs Frankum said the present is particularly meaningful after the passing of her husband Ken, who died from cancer in 2011.

She said: "I am thrilled to be the new owner of this lovely painting. My sons got it for me as a birthday present, and also in memory of Ken, my husband and their dad.

"Our family had a traumatic time during Ken's illness, having to visit several different hospitals.

"We are all pleased that the money that has been raised through the online auction will help Ark's campaign to raise vital funds for the new cancer treatment centre.

"Having treatment and supportive services under one roof will make a big difference to people and will help save lives."

The portrait of the author, who lived in Steventon for much of her life, was painted by artist Lois Cordelia during the charity's Sitting with Jane project in September.

Sitting with Jane was a 10-week tour of the streets and parks of Basingstoke organised by Destination Basingstoke.

The benches were then sold off raising £70,000 for Ark.

Nurses raise awareness of effects of alcohol

MEMBERS of Hampshire Hospitals alcohol team used life-sized silicon livers to show the effects drinking can have.

Nurses and medical staff joined forces to urge people to think about the impact of their drinking as part of alcohol awareness week which runs until Sunday.

Specialist nurses spoke to people concerned about their alcohol intake at Basingstoke and Winchester hospitals.

In addition to giving tips on lowering their risk of alcohol harm and explaining how to calculate units of alcohol, the nurses showed the effects of alcohol on the liver using silicon models.

Helen Phillips, specialist alcohol nurse at Hampshire Hospitals, which runs Basingstoke and North Hospital, said: "There's nearly always an excuse to have a drink or two, whether it's a birthday, an anniversary, the end of the week or a big football match on the television. Many people also see alcohol as a coping strategy to combat stress and anxiety or help them to sleep.

"What people don't always realise is their drinking adds up and can have a detrimental effect on their health, as well as impacting on partners, children and parents."

Members of Hampshire Hospitals' alcohol team with their life-sized silicon livers highlighting the problems that alcohol can cause

News Bites

Victim injured by masked men

THREE masked men left a man with serious injuries after forcing their way into a house.

Police are investigating the aggravated burglary in Castle Road in the early hours of Saturday.

Sometime between 12.15am and 12.30am the men forced their way into a house in Burberry Court, assaulted the man and then fled.

The man was taken to North Hampshire Hospital and was treated for serious injuries.

Two men, a 25-year-old from Basingstoke and a 24-year-old man from Reading were arrested in connection with the incident.

They have been released pending investigation.

If you can help call 101.

Man attacked by gang of youths

A GROUP of up to 10 youths attacked a 19-year-old man behind McDonalds.

The victim was in the Castons Yard car park behind McDonalds in New road, at around 7.15pm on November 5 when he saw a group of eight to 10 youths who started to shout and threaten him.

The man headed back in the direction he came from, when it is alleged three of the youths ran towards him and assaulted him in an unprovoked attack.

The victim sustained cuts and bruises and a broken tooth. The assault stopped when a family intervened.

Two boys, aged 13 and 17, were arrested in connection with the incident - they have been released but remain under investigation.

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AN animated video showing a 'humble mammal' bellowing as smoke reaches its nose aims to spread a message that will save lives.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue have launched a 'Don't Get a Stoat' campaign to highlight the importance of getting an alarm to protect your home.

A bumbling stoat is the star of the new cartoon aimed at children to show the importance of getting an alarm as well as correctly positioning it and regularly testing and maintaining it.

The quirky animation shows a hapless rodent being plucked from its natural environment by people who decide to use the creature for its loud cry, positioning it right above their furnace.

Community safety group manager Glenn Bowyer, said: "We are hoping to get the attention of children through the character and from there get the vital message across to parents.

"Nothing is more upsetting to a fire fighter than seeing a tragedy that could so easily have been avoided."

The service advise that smoke alarms should be installed on every level in a house, and should be tested at least once a month with the battery being replaced once a year.

Twice a year the case should be opened and gently vacuumed to remove dust and after 10 years it should be replaced entirely.

In the past year there have been 824 house fires in Hampshire.

Of these incidents 531 had a smoke alarm and 78 per cent of these worked.

Visit www.hantsfire.gov.uk/stoat.

Right, a still from the video

Working to narrow pay gap

By Eva Astreinidou

THERE is still work to be done to narrow the gender pay gap, say Basingstoke officials.

Campaigners and women across the UK marked Friday, dubbed Equal Pay Day, as the symbolic day from which women across the UK work the rest of the year for free relative to their male counterparts - a stark reminder there is still a lot of work to do, both locally and nationally.

Data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), suggests women across Hampshire are paid the equivalent of not having worked from November 1, in comparison to men, who are paid £2.50 more per hour.

Basingstoke and Deane councillor Chloe Ashfield said local businesses must encourage the upward mobility of women in senior positions.

She said: "We must be clear about what is driving the differences in pay and work hard to ensure that, year on year, we see the gap narrowing.

"We know that until there are more women in senior positions then the gap won't dramatically change. We must urge local employers to be doing all they can to encourage mobility of women through the ranks.

"Our schools and colleges have a responsibility to talk to students about the gap so that our young women are prepared for the challenges ahead."

In April, following the release of the Annual Survey of Hours and earnings (ASHE), Cllr Chloe Ashfield put forward a motion at a borough council meeting for more efforts to reduce the gender pay gap.

The motion was put forward after it was revealed that women in the borough who are in full-time work earn more than 25 per cent less than men.

On average, men working full time in the area earned £4.36 per hour more than women working full time.

The national figures into the pay gap were calculated in two categories – full time and part time jobs, with the gap measuring at 9.1 per cent.

A wider range of information is expected after April 2018, following new legislation by central government that requires all companies with 250 or more employees to disclose their pay gap in a register.

News Bites

Puppy and guns stolen

A 12-week-old puppy and two firearms were stolen from a house in Basingstoke.

Offenders forced entry to the house in Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John on November 9 between 3.15pm and 4.35pm.

The thieves stole Buzz, a springer spaniel puppy and a Beretta Silver Pigeon shotgun and a CZ 452.22 rifle.

PC Stephen Jakes, from the Basingstoke police investigation centre, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who has any information about what happened. It took place during the day, and it is likely that someone saw something that will help us."

If you can help, contact 101.

Women assaulted

TWO women were assaulted and robbed in Basingstoke as they were walking away from Brighton Hill Community Centre.

The women, aged 35 and 70 were assaulted by two men wearing dark clothing on November 8 between 11pm and 11.30pm. Both sustained minor facial injuries.

The two men ran off in the direction of Quilter Road after stealing a handbag containing a purse and £40.

A 20-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of robbery. He has been released from custody but remains under investigation.

Views sought on potential surgery move

DOCTORS are looking for the views of locals ahead of a potential move from Lychpit to Old Basing.

Staff at the Crown Heights Medical Practice in Great Binfields Road, Lychpit, are thinking about moving from their current location above the TescoMetro to the branch surgery at the Old Basing Health Centre in Manor Lane, Old Basing.

The surgery in Lychpit was originally built as office accommodation.

The offices were then converted into a GP surgery to deliver healthcare services to people in the east of Basingstoke and the surrounding areas – but they are no longer deemed fit for use as a modern healthcare facility.

The treatment room, which is necessary for carrying out a wide range of procedures, does not conform to current infection prevention and control requirements.

The GPs identified a range of options for the future of the branch surgery and these were narrowed down to two – closing the branch surgery altogether would require patients to attend the main surgery site in Crown Heights or move to the Health Centre building in Old Basing.

Patients have until the end of December to give their views, before the lease runs out in June 2018.

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Crew dance their way to final

TALENTED street dance crews earned themselves a place in the final of a national talent competition.

The two dance crews from Happy Feet Academy will be performing at a national competition in January after winning the hearts of judges at a preliminary contest at Britain Does Variety last month.

OMG were one of four groups to be selected out of 18 competing acts in the Under 16 category, with second crew SYNERGY being one of five groups to be selected for the finals out of 23 acts in the over 16 categories.

Crew choreographer Mia Stewart said: "I am incredibly proud of both crews for successfully securing a place in the grand finals.

"It was our first time competing in this particular national competition and the standard was very high in both age categories, with a real variety of talents on show.

"Our feedback from the judges was amazing and all of my dancers are very excited for the grand finals in Wellingborough in January."

The dancers performed in front of a panel of four well-known industry judges after receiving an invitation to Britain Does Variety following a successful video audition.

OMG are through to the final in January

Police praised for performance in tough times

HAMPSHIRE police has been recognised for its efficiency in the face of increasing pressures.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has rated Hampshire as good across the board in its latest inspection into the efficiency of the force.

Michael Lane, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "I am very aware of the pressures on the whole workforce of Hampshire Constabulary over the last few years and which will continue for some time yet involving further necessary change to ensure this performance can be sustained.

"That they have been assessed as good is a recognition of their motivation and professionalism.

"Hampshire Constabulary has a determination to serve the community well and keep the people it serves safer."

Two areas identified for improvement in the inspection focussed on making the most of the workforce.

The Commissioner added: "These are helpful pointers and are things that the Chief Constable already has firmly on her radar."

He added that HMICFRS will also be reviewing the process for managing calls from the public ahead of new systems going live in spring 2018.

He said: "This new, significantly updated and extended system will improve the public's experience of 999 and 101."

Dragons confirm move to new complex for 2018/19 season

By Eva Astreinidou

BASINGSTOKE Town will be saying goodbye to their ground after a 70-year stay as they prepare for a move to Winklebury.

The club have confirmed they will be moving from the Camrose at the end of the season after their final league game in April.

The Dragons have agreed with Hampshire FA to play at Winklebury for the 2018/19 season and will submit a planning application to enhance their new home in the next few weeks.

This comes after the club, together with Hampshire FA, launched a consultation in October on plans to upgrade the football facilities at the Winklebury Complex.

Proposals include converting the grass pitch to a state-of-the-art artificial surface, erecting spectator stands on the site, and building a single-storey clubhouse.

Chairman Steve Letch said: "It's great news to be here until the end of the season. We hope that this will attract more people to enjoy our final games at our long-time home."

He added: "Our proposed move to Winklebury for September 2018 is also going very well. We have sought to build good relations with the Hampshire FA and residents at Winklebury. The next step is to put in a formal planning application later this month."

It is due to be considered in February.

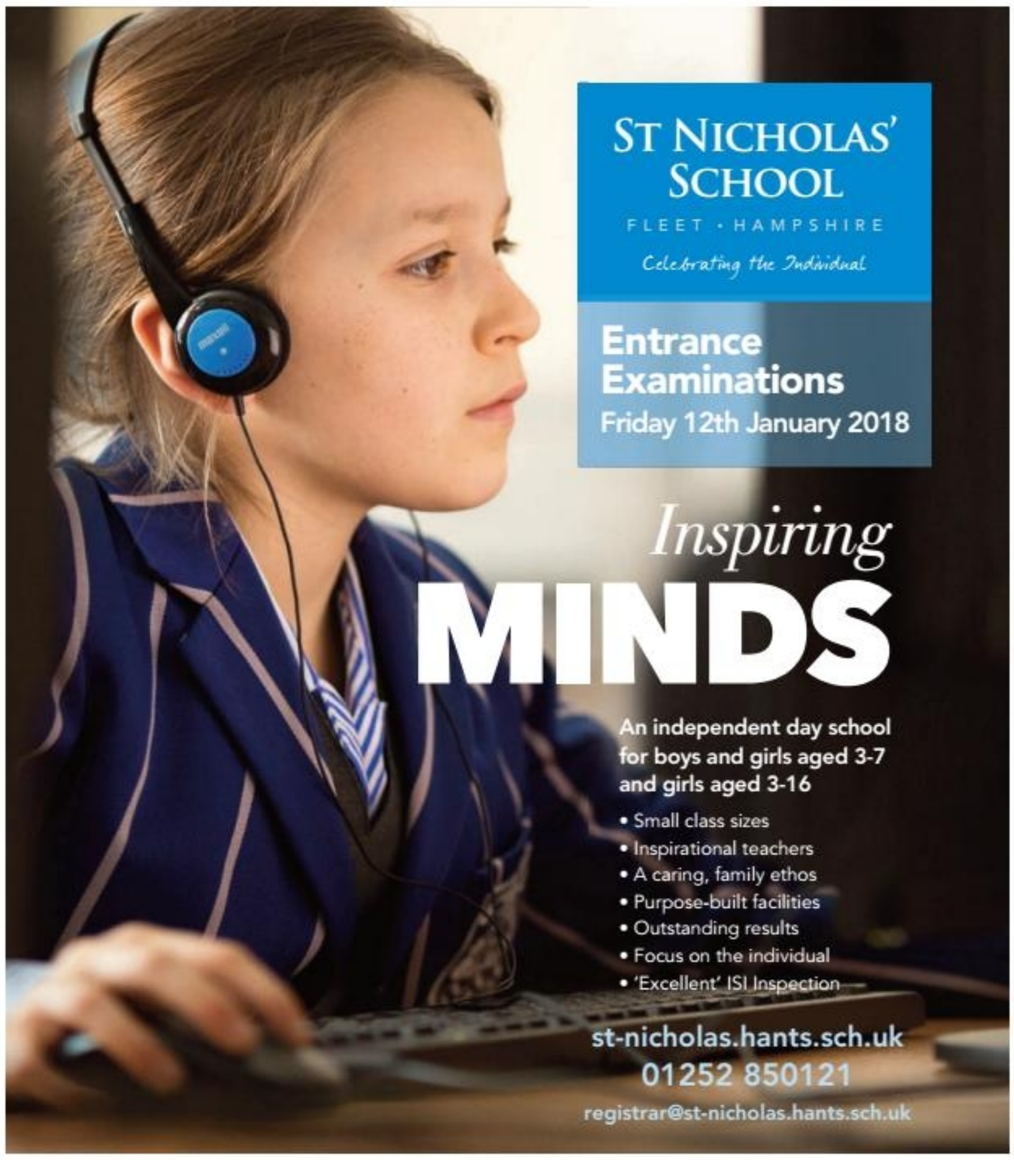
The move is necessary after former chairman Rafi Razzak decided to end his involvement with the club, with the Camrose set to be sold off for redevelopment with potential housing plans.

The club will continue fundraising to maintain the squad for this season, with several schemes encouraging people to become members to show support and help the club 'survive and thrive'.

Winklebury residents have previously expressed concerns at the redevelopment.

Last month, a spokesperson for the club said: "Proposed ground developments will respect the existing green space, with spectator stands being confined largely within the existing boundary.

"It is proposed to ensure that all existing trees around the site are retained and that some additional trees are planted to provide extra screening."



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Clerk celebrates 30 years of being helpful in community

By Eva Astreinidou

A 64-year-old woman who celebrated 30 years of working for her local parish council says it has been 'a real pleasure' to carry out a pivotal role for her community.

Penny Waterfield, clerk to Baughurst parish council, enjoyed a party with all her loved ones at Heath End hall last month to celebrate her special anniversary.

She said her main motivation throughout the years had been helping people, adding: "Baughurst is a very pleasant place to live, and anything I can do to keep that scenario alive and kicking might be useful."

Mrs Waterfield has been the seventh clerk in 124 years and has only a few months to go before her retirement at 65.

She said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 30 years – it's more of a vocation than a job – and I have met and worked with some gorgeous people."

She recalled how when she started in 1987, she typed meeting minutes on a manual typewriter, before the council moved to computers, adding: "In 1992 I actually had a photograph in a local paper with me sitting at the computer – it was obviously a rare occurrence."

Her predecessor, who had been a clerk for 22 years, told her the job didn't involve a great deal of effort – a meeting once a month, with the odd committee here and there, and lots of time off, particularly in August and December.

But she says times have changed since then: "I started with 12 hours per week, and now do 20.

"The role of the parish council, and the clerk, has become far more pivotal within the community – we are far more accessible, and therefore the workload has also increased.

"We work more closely with our key stakeholders – volunteers help clear the rights of way, and we all work together for notable events. It really has made Baughurst more of a community."

And it was that sense of community that helped make the anniversary party come together for Mrs Waterfield, with 80 representatives from organisations she has worked with in the past, and many friends, attending.

Many old photographs, press cuttings and minute books were on display and an artwork timeline of her role throughout the years was provided, by her daughter, Joanna.

Her son Guy also manned the bar throughout the evening, and husband John helped as well.

Parish council chairman Martin Slatford and borough councillor Marilyn Tucker celebrate with parish clerk Penny Waterfield

Housing market must be 'fixed to help new buyers'

CAMPAIGNERS are warning that housing proposals set out by Government will only lead to already wealthy areas getting wealthier.

The response from Hampshire's Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) comes as central Government ended its consultation into proposals to boost nationwide housing supply last week.

The campaign group stressed the need for affordable housing to be available for young people, rather than 'channelling investment and wealth to already wealthy and prosperous areas'.

CPRE Hampshire's planning and policy group chairman, Christopher Napier, said the housing market is 'broken'.

He said: "The real need is to build many more houses of a type and size affordable for the younger generation now largely excluded from the housing market.

"A policy must be designed which is targeted at the 25-34 year old age group."

Members of CPRE are particularly concerned the proposed increase in housing numbers, combined with the Government's proposals that Local Plans will be considered out of date after five years from adoption, will lead to a return to speculative applications by developers.

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Victory for Jamie as he runs to raise cash for disability charity

By Eva Astreinidou

A RUNNER from Overton has conquered 14 long distance challenges, helping raise more than £3,600 for a local disability charity.

Jamie Jones, 45, completed his epic task after setting off on his first run in Edinburgh in January, and finished with the Great South Run in Portsmouth last month.

His season of runs, ranging from 5k to half marathons, was all to raise money for disability charity Revitalise.

But as if that wasn't enough, he will also be taking on the Great Ethiopian Run in Addis Ababa on November 26, which is only 10k but takes place at a lung-bursting altitude of 8,000ft.

Having completed his final run, Jamie said: "It was a pleasure and a privilege to run for Revitalise this year. Running past HMS Victory dressed as Nelson in my final race, the Simplyhealth Great South Run, felt like a victory for me too.

"But I think my fondest memory will be the Simplyhealth Great Manchester Run, which took place just days after the horrific bombing there.

"The atmosphere of togetherness and resilience is something I'll never forget.

"And to do it all for a great charity like Revitalise was just the icing on the cake."

Jamie works as Head of IT for Simplyhealth, who named Revitalise as its charity for the 2017 Simplyhealth Great Run Series.

The charity provides respite holidays for disabled people and carers from across the region and beyond.

Jamie Jones salutes having finished the Great South Run in Portsmouth

Paying respects to those who gave their lives at the service at Old Basing Pictures: Tony Tuck

Young and old gather to remember those fallen

PEOPLE of all ages gathered to pay tribute to servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in conflict.

Parades took place all across Basingstoke and Deane, with the future generation taking centre stage in several of the events.

In Old Basing, a mini Queen's Guard joined the parade alongside a marching band that led groups to St Mary's church, ahead of the church service.

Afterwards, members of the community gathered outside, where veterans gave speeches and laid wreaths at the war memorial before saluting those they were remembering.

In Odiham, military personnel marched through the town, as a helicopter fly-past took place.

Maria Miller MP, who attended the event in Basingstoke town, said: "Remembrance Sunday is an important opportunity for the whole community to come together to remember all of those people who have served our country, in particular those who lost their lives.

"Basingstoke has a proud armed forces history."

RAF personnel from Odiham march through the village before laying wreaths at the war memorial. Pictures: Cpl Rob Travis RAF, photographer at RAF Odiham

A young guard joined the band in Old Basing as the union between young and old was displayed both in the parade and during the service of remembrance, below

Gun amnesty: police call for firearms to be handed in

POLICE are urging people to hand over firearms and ammunition with the message: 'just one gun off our streets could save a life'.

Whether it is an old family heirloom, a former military weapon or an unwanted firearm that was previously legally owned – all can be handed in to police stations until November 26.

Hampshire Police launched their firearms and ammunition surrender appeal to reduce the number of illegally held firearms.

Basingstoke station will accept replica firearms, air weapons, BB guns, imitation firearms, and antique guns.

Chief Inspector Emma Baillie, head of armed response for the joint operations unit, said: "The consequences of firearms or replica firearms falling into the wrong hands can be fatal and can cause real fear."

Those surrendering firearms will not face prosecution and can remain anonymous. However, if on examination a firearm reveals a link to a crime, this will be investigated.

Basingstoke station at Jays Close is open Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm, and Sunday 9am to 5pm.

■ Alan Stone, from Basingstoke's Squirrels Antiques, warned that people could be 'throwing money away' if they surrender guns in the amnesty.

He said: "There are many weapons that are not illegal that may get handed into police stations in error.

"Almost all antique flintlock and percussion guns are perfectly legal to own without a licence as long as they are held as 'curios' with no intent to fire them.

"These do not need to be surrendered for destruction.

"Many of these guns are of historic interest to museums and collectors and should not be destroyed because of ignorance or fear."

Jeweller wants to add sparkle to festivities

A £1,000 prize is up for grabs from a local jeweller promising to add some extra magic to the Christmas season.

Beaverbrooks in Festival Place has launched a 'Wish-mas tree', a special wishing tree that will make a lucky local's Christmas.

The campaign was launched after the family-owned jewellers conducted research that found 46 per cent felt the magic of Christmas had gone, admitting they no longer look forward to the festive occasion.

Off the back of the findings, the family-owned jewellers wanted to restore Basingstoke's faith in the festive season.

To be in with a chance of receiving £1,000, local shoppers just need to complete a 'Wish-mas Tree' postcard in store before November 30, explaining their wish and return it to a member of the store team.

To submit your wishes online, visit www.beaverbrooks.co.uk/make-christmas-magical.

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Two rapid electric vehicle (EV) charging units from InstaVolt are now live at the business park.

The chargers are located opposite Fitness First and Dayer's Café, perfect for a quick charge while visitors grab a coffee or a bite to eat, or while attending the onsite gym.

Wendy Scott, customer manager at Chineham Park said: "We are just starting to see the number of electric vehicles commuting and visiting the Park increase, so we wanted to make sure we can provide a smart solution for both occupiers and their visitors.

"We now have a quick and simple recharging point which uses the latest technology to keep our customers on the road."

Users of the charging points can tap a contactless debit or credit card on the front of the charging unit to start.

Tim Payne, CEO of InstaVolt, and Wendy Scott, customer manager at Chineham Park charging an electric car

The chargers operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, meaning you pay only for the electricity you use.

Pricing is just £0.35 per kWh.

Tim Payne, CEO of InstaVolt, said: "In order to increase the number of electric vehicles on the road we need to make charging easy and that's exactly what our units are doing here in Basingstoke."

Charities merger will help young into work

By Eva Astreinidou

A CHARITY facing closure will be able to continue its valuable work for young people after joining forces with another organisation.

Basingstoke Consortium is in the process of merging with education charity EBP South to ensure it can continue its work in preparing and inspiring young people for the world of work.

The move will give young people more opportunities across a wider area.

Mike Rushworth, chair of Basingstoke Consortium trustees said: "We are delighted to announce this agreement. EBP South is a well-respected charity carrying out very similar work. The merger will enable both charities to thrive and to develop this important work with schools and businesses across Hampshire."

The charity was facing closure after four years of reduced income and a drain on its reserves after changes in government funding for careers guidance, work experience and employer-linked activities for school pupils.

According to a spokesperson, the charity's trustees therefore started taking the 'regretful but prudent decision' to move towards closure in October.

Since then trustees have been contacting relevant local partners to discuss any interest they had in taking over part or all of the organisation.

Thanks to the planned merger, all the work carried out by Basingstoke Consortium, covering work experience, careers guidance, employer volunteering and support to local schools will continue with the opportunity to grow and develop over the coming years in a far greater geographical scale.

Cath Longhurst, CEO of EBP South, said: "This merger will bring two already closely associated charities together, enabling us to be more cost-effective and bringing together the expertise and strengths from both.

"With current economic changes, it is more important than ever that young people at school have opportunities to experience the world of work and to find out about the ever-changing career opportunities.

"We are looking forward to working closely with Basingstoke schools and businesses and other important partners and hope to reassure them all that it is business as usual."

Dancers step up to help raise hall cash

A DANCE school has raised £250 for Basingstoke's Chineham Village Hall.

The David Smith dance school presented a cheque to the chairman of the village hall last week to help cover vital maintenance costs and help the facility continue to run community events.

Les Fryer, chairman of the village hall, gave a speech and thanked David and the dancers for their generous donation and their ongoing support to the hall and its facilities.

David holds regular social dances including ballroom, Latin and popular sequence dancing at the hall.

Les Fryer, chairman of Chineham Village Hall presents the cheque to dance teacher David Smith

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PROPERTYWEEKLY

Why landlords should never love their rental properties

By Michael Cook

WHEN buying a rental property, don't let your heart rule your head!

Buying a home as an investor requires a completely different mind-set compared with buying as a home-owner – the key difference being that, as a landlord, you should never love the property you are going to let out.

Of course it's important that you are happy with your purchase, but it does not have to be your ideal home. As long as it's likely to be someone's ideal home that is all that matters. This mind-set can be difficult for first time landlords but is the key to a stress-free and successful let.

With tenants spending longer in rental accommodation than ever before, amenities such as local schools, transport links and employment opportunities are becoming more and more important. Before investing in property, research what tenants want, which locations are in high-demand, and where can you achieve the best rental yield. You should also speak to a local lettings agent as they are in the best position to advise not only on what types of properties tenants are looking for but also if there are any gaps in the market.

Investing in a rental property is a long term investment and does not give off instant rewards. Make sure that the property you buy is aligned with the wants and needs of the tenants you are hoping to attract and that there is sufficient demand for rental property in that area – this way you minimise the risk of costly void periods!

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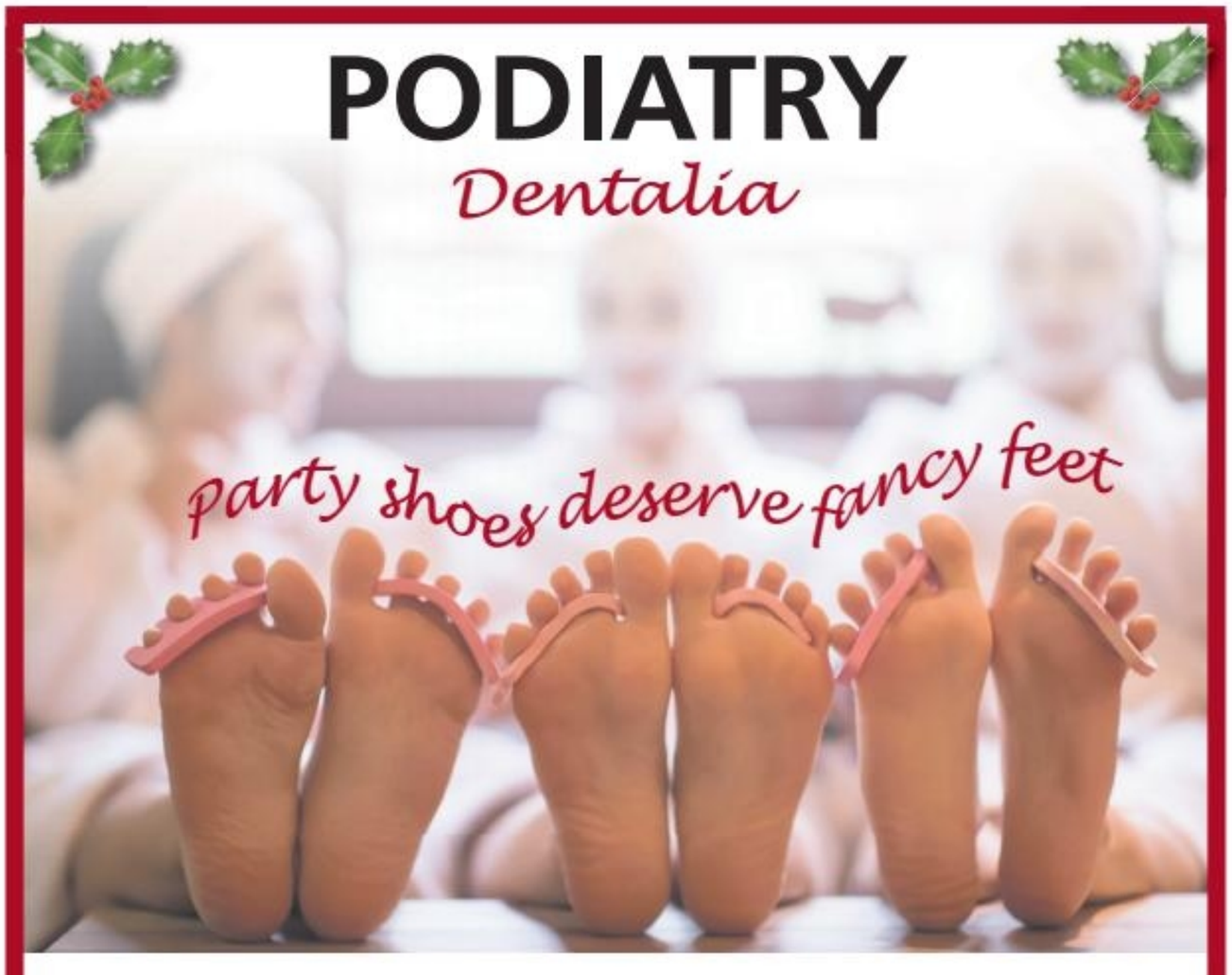

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Christmas classic from Russia with love

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the fairytale ballet of The Nutcracker. Don't miss The Russian State Ballet and Opera House production at The Anvil later this month to really get you in the festive spirit.
See inside for more

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THIS WEEK: WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO SEE LULU AT THE ANVIL!

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

A cracking tale for Christmas

By Josh Cox

CHRISTMAS wouldn't be Christmas without a trip to a dazzling performance of one of the world's most famous ballets – The Nutcracker.

The seasonal favourite performed by the Russian State Ballet and Opera House features snow flurries, sweets, princes, magic and love brought together to create this much-loved classic.

Full of familiar music such as the Waltz of the Flowers and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the story is based on The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E T A Hoffmann.

It tells the story of a little girl whose godfather gives her a Nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve which magically comes to life and so unfolds the story in this delightful tale.

The ultimate fairytale where goodness and beauty triumph, The Nutcracker continues to capture the hearts and imaginations of different generations.

The piece of theatre is a wonderful introduction to ballet for anyone who has never experienced it, but also retains its appeal for those whom deem themselves connoisseurs of the art.

The Russian State Ballet and Opera House was created more than 15 years ago and have always strived for excellence since they began.

The company boasts a core of experienced directors and performers who have graduated from the best artistic institutions in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

Tickets for The Nutcracker at The Anvil on November 25 are priced £33 and £31. Over 65s, under 16s and full-time student tickets range between £31 and £29. Ticket prices include a £2 booking fee.

For more information or to book, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk.

Clara is delighted with her nutcracker doll which magically transforms on Christmas Eve

Enjoy red, red wine

MUSIC: A UB40 tribute act will be jamming at The Academy in Basingstoke on Saturday.

This a first appearance at The Academy for the band, who will be playing UB40's greatest hits.

Doors open at 7pm with last entry at 10pm. Admission is £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Empty orchestra

KARAOKE: Stars In Their Minds Karaoke will be bringing an evening of karaoke fun to The Beacon in Basingstoke.

Whether you love classics by Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley, or belting out modern rock ballads, come along and sing.

The event takes place on Friday November 24 from 8pm to 11pm, with free entry.

Havanna club

MUSIC: Head over to The Academy in Basingstoke on Saturday November 25 for a night of the latest chart tunes from DJ Leroy Wilson.

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Best of friends, worst of friends

By Josh Cox

LOCAL theatre group Purple Room Productions have been going from strength to strength with their latest offering.

The seldom performed but much admired Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn will open in Basingstoke for three nights this November.

Written in 1974, it is Ayckbourn at his very best, it brings together his fast paced and witty dialogue with his funny but sometimes painful observations of the reality of lives in 1970s Britain.

A group of friends re-unite to cheer up an old friend who has had a bereavement, but it quickly transpires that there are ulterior motives for this rendezvous and some bittersweet moments as people stop pretending that their lives are OK.

Absent Friends deals, comically but sensitively, with the tongue-tied, embarrassed modern response to death, uncomprehending husbands and neglected wives, rotting marriages and adulterous sex.

The Guardian has described the play as "simple in form, it is powerful in effect. Through nervous edgy laughter, it shows Ayckbourn suggesting that the best friends are indeed those who are usually absent".

Purple Room Productions are bringing together a wealth of talent for this show; with local star Stacy Hart (The Bill, Grafters, Get Real) playing one of the female leads and professional director Janet Harrison using her many years of experience to get the best out the cast.

The show runs from November 23 to 25 at Queen Mary's College Central Studios, Basingstoke at 7.30pm.

Tickets start from £12 and are available online at centralstudio.cloudvenue.co.uk or by calling 01256 418 318.

Blues mastery

MUSIC: Guy Davis and Fabrizio Poggi will be stopping at The Forge on their UK wide tour, The Last Train on November 25 at 7.45pm.

Rediscover the genius of blues masters Brownie McGhee and Sonny Terry, as Guy Davis and Fabrizio Poggi bring you an evening inspired by these two musical greats. Tickets cost £15.

Man of many talents

SHOW: Entertainer Joe Brown takes to the stage at The Anvil on Sunday at 7.45pm.

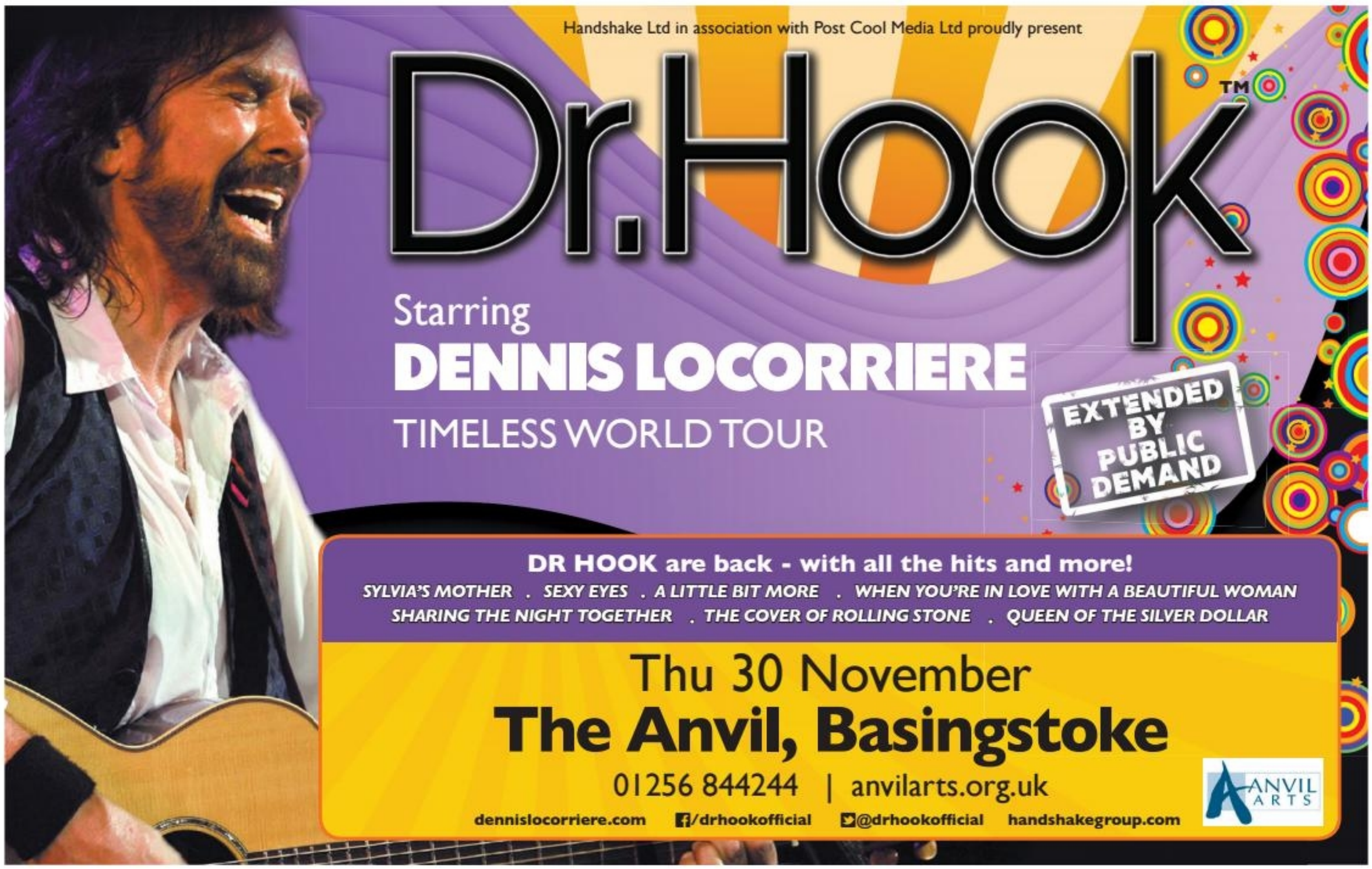
Joe will be retelling stories and anecdotes from his long career as a musician, presenter and actor, but it doesn't stop there, the night will also feature a lot of Joe's excellent music.

Tickets are £30.50.

Relight my fire

MUSIC: One of the UK's most recognisable names in music, Lulu will be bringing her tour, All About the Music to The Anvil on November 24 at 7.30pm.

Following on from her smash hit 2016 tour, the acclaimed singer, songwriter, Grammy and Novello Award nominee returns with her biggest tour yet. Tickets cost £41.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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

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Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

1. What R is an aggressive wild elephant which has been separated from the rest of the herd?
2. What kind of fruit is a honeydew?
3. In American music terminology, it is a sixteenth note. What do we call it?
4. Which boxer did Paul Newman play in the 1956 film Somebody Up There Likes Me?
5. Which BBC TV series that began in 1997, was originally presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh?
6. Which newspaper's last front page headline was 'Thank You And Goodbye'?
7. On which Cat Stevens album, released in 1971, would you find the songs Morning Has Broken and Moonshadow?
8. Who wrote a gardening column in Private Eye magazine under the name Rose Blight?
9. Which shipping forecast area lies between Lundy and Malin?
10. What L word, 13 letters long, is defined as showing a lack of interest or enthusiasm?

NONAGRAM

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How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
28 Good; 34 Very Good; 39 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

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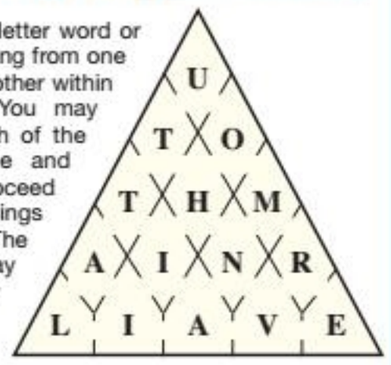

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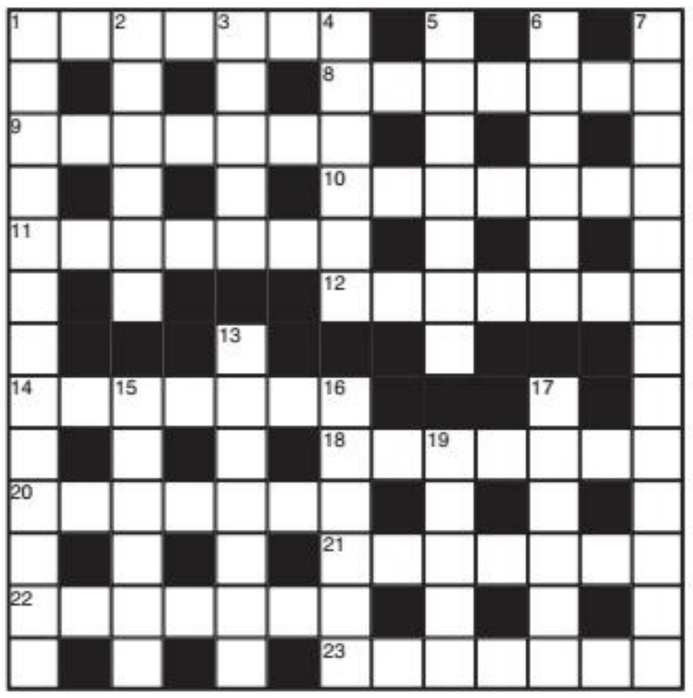
Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Angry at credit notes for hair first (7)
8. Friend has more variety in Sicily (7)
9. Love to be in credit for a whole month (7)
10. Against having showed off after work (7)
11. Playing a tune on the rear part of car (7)
12. Article on more complex principle (7)
14. Those involved in this sport must take a bow (7)
18. In pyjamas, say, Edward was tested (7)
20. Ran most upset across the vessel (7)
21. Everyday unnamed variety (7)
22. Young reporter removed lice from small compartment (7)
23. Missing new clarinet, performing concert (7)

DOWN

1. A flat track not arranged for head-on charge (7,6)
2. Reprimanding member of the crew (6)
3. Spaniard doesn't start the card game (5)
4. Start to grow a vegetable (6)
5. Deliriously pleased to have passed (7)
6. It will not be used when written with assurance (6)
7. Accommodation in prison pronounced unfit? (9,4)
13. Feeling swell in the main? (7)
15. Bad-tempered crustacean at hand (6)
16. Talk incessantly about Myra and me (6)
17. Some nasty ranting oppressor (6)
19. Boom created by technically advanced hedgehog (5)

SUDOKU

Easy Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

2	5							8
		4				9		2
9		8		2	7	1	4	
		6			8		2	
8	9				1	5		
	3	7						1
4			2					
			6		5			7
	7	9	8		3			

	8			3				7
7	6		4					9
		3				5		
				7	2		5	4
	9				3		6	8
	3				6	9		
9			5		8	1		

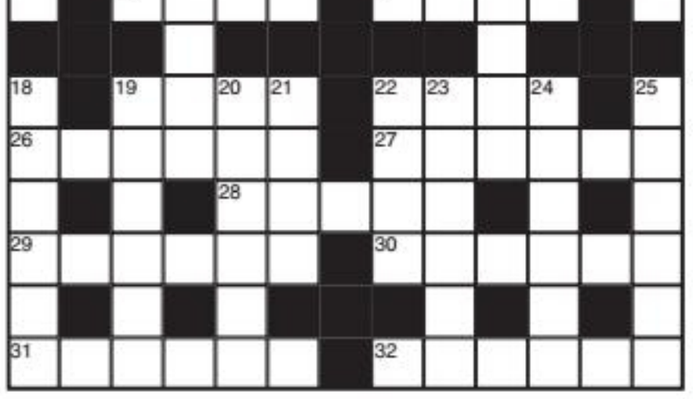
EQUALISER

14 ◯ 5
16 ◯ 2 ◯ 1
2 ◯ 2
3 ◯ 2 ◯ 1
1 ◯ 4

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Conceit (6)
4. Condiment (6)
8. Rue (6)
10. Jewelled headband (6)
11. White salt (5)
12. Lower (6)
14. Sirloin steak (6)
16. Simple (4)
17. Genuine (4)
19. Nuisance (4)
22. Honey drink (4)
26. Complete failure (6)
27. From side to side (6)
28. Northern Ireland town (5)
29. Greeting (6)
30. Halogen element (6)
31. Worthless (6)
32. Coming (6)

DOWN

1. Italian city (6)
2. Deny (6)
3. Ancient Greek city (6)
5. Remedy for all ills (6)
6. Light oar (6)
7. Far removed (6)
9. Conservative (4)
10. Silly (4)
13. Hell (5)
15. Of the moon (5)
18. Counteract (6)
19. Rice dish (6)
20. Whisky (6)
21. Large book (4)
22. Wise men (4)
23. Resounded (6)
24. Submissive (6)
25. Going up (6)

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SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Rogue; 2 Melon; 3 Semi-quaver; 4 Rocky Graziano; 5 Ground Force; 6 News of the World; 7 Teaser and the Firecat; 8 Germaine Greer; 9 Irish Sea; 10 Lackadaisical.

CROSS CODE

14 L	15 Q	16 P	3 S	4 C	17 G	5 N	18 F	6 X	19 A	7 H	20 O	21 D	8 M	22 U	9 B	23 Y	10 Z	24 J	11 T	25 W	12 E	26 V	13 R	K

EASY SUDOKU

2	5	3	1	9	4	7	6	8
7	1	4	5	8	6	9	3	2
9	6	8	3	2	7	1	4	5
1	4	6	7	5	8	3	2	9
8	9	2	4	3	1	5	7	6
5	3	7	9	6	2	4	8	1
4	8	5	2	7	9	6	1	3
3	2	1	6	4	5	8	9	7
6	7	9	8	1	3	2	5	4

HARD SUDOKU

5	8	9	6	3	1	4	2	7
7	6	1	4	2	5	8	3	9
2	4	3	7	8	9	5	1	6
6	1	8	9	7	2	3	5	4
3	7	5	8	6	4	2	9	1
4	9	2	1	5	3	7	6	8
1	5	4	3	9	7	6	8	2
8	3	7	2	1	6	9	4	5
9	2	6	5	4	8	1	7	3

MAGIC SQUARE: grow; rope; open; went.

WORD PYRAMID: Italian vermouth.

EQUALISER: Clockwise from top left – divide; subtract; add; multiply. Total: 7.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:
Across – 1 Furious; 8 Palermo; 9 October; 10 Opposed; 11 Tonneau; 12 Theorem; 14 Archery; 18 Assayed; 20 Transom; 21 Mundane; 22 Cubicle; 23 Recital.
Down – 1 Frontal attack; 2 Rating; 3 Ombre; 4 Sprout; 5 Elapsed; 6 Eraser; 7 Condemned cell; 13 Seasick; 15 Crabby; 16 Yammer; 17 Tyrant; 19 Sonic.

QUICK CROSSWORD:
Across – 1 Vanity; 4 Pepper; 8 Regret; 10 Diadem; 11 Borax; 12 Nether; 14 Fillet; 16 Easy; 17 True; 19 Pest; 22 Mead; 26 Fiasco; 27 Across; 28 Omagh; 29 Salute; 30 Iodine; 31 Trashy; 32 Advent.
Down – 1 Verona; 2 Negate; 3 Thebes; 5 Elixir; 6 Paddle; 7 Remote; 9 Tory; 10 Daft; 13 Hades; 15 Lunar; 18 Offset; 19 Pbella; 20 Scotch; 21 Tome; 22 Magi; 23 Echoed; 24 Docile; 25 Ascent.

FIVE ALIVE:
(1) Across – Jinks; Morse; Ovens.
Down – Jumbo; Nurse; Stews.
(2) Across – Waltz; Sinks; Essay.
Down – Waste; Lends; Zesty.

NONAGRAM:
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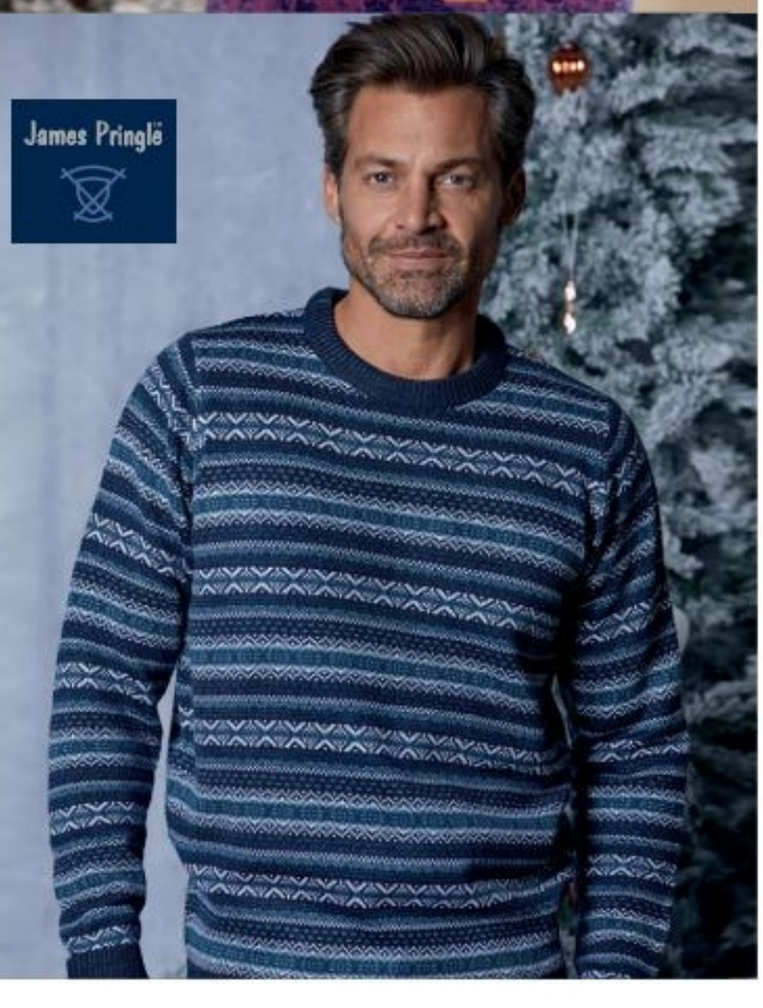

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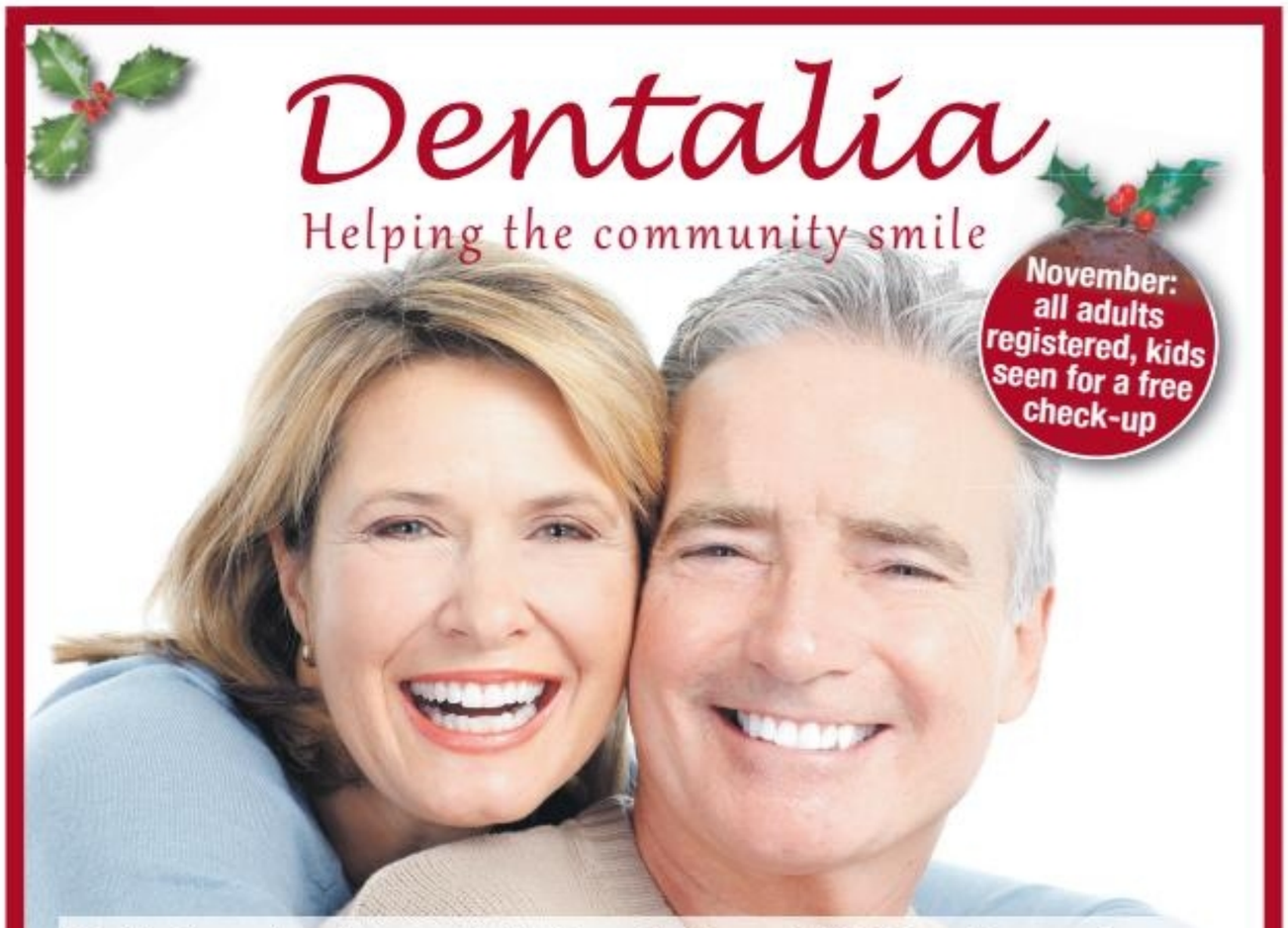

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An SUV that pushes the envelope

By **Tony Yates**

THIS month's road test puts me in the driving seat of the Peugeot 5008 Allure. First off, the 5008 is a great looking SUV with some wonderful swooping lines flanking its sides.

This, of course, takes me back to when designers actually tried to make a car look different – and judging by the look at the front of the 5008 – they seem to have managed to push the envelope that little bit more – while still designing a pretty sweet looking SUV.

Of course, it's all designed on super-computers now, but, judging by what I have seen so far, I think they might have just made the 5008 pretty much perfect in that department. There is, however, a fly in the ointment. There are so many SUV's on the market now that it's becoming almost impossible to decide on what's hot and what's not. You could, of course, ask me, but I will just tell you to buy with your heart. But, if you are struggling, then remember the 5008 also comes with seven independent seats, which is something you can't ignore.

Power & efficiency

The 5008 I had on test was powered by a turbocharged 1199cc, 3 cylinder petrol engine that has 131BHP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 117mph, plus a 0-62 time of 10.4 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 54.3 mpg.

A big plus point for this car though is its 230Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant EAT6 (Efficient Automatic Transmission) 6-speed gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss. Then there are the brakes, which feel good and firm and will stop you as good as the best of the best.

On the road

First off – great chassis, along with a suspension set up that you know has taken Peugeot many hours of testing to get right. The steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which means the 5008 feels tight and taught into the corners. I'm going to say that Peugeot has done a pretty good job of getting the whole package to work together and I have no issues in saying that it performs well out on the open road for an SUV.

Choose an SUV with your heart but bear in mind this one has seven seats

Interior & technology

The interior is of a good standard – with lots of chrome fittings and clear displays. Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as; ABS/ REF/AFU, driver & front passenger front and side airbags, including front and rear curtain airbags. MP3 connection, six-speaker radio, LED daytime running lights, air conditioning, steering wheel-mounted audio control and parking sensors front & rear.

Additionally, on the inside, you also get a good amount of media equipment to keep you happy like; connected 3D navigation, plus the brilliant new Peugeot i-Cockpit. This is a configurable 12.3" head-up digital instrument panel, 8" capacitive touchscreen and a compact multi-function steering wheel. Peugeot really has upped the specification of the 5008 and what I have shown you here today is just a small amount of what you can expect to find once you start exploring.

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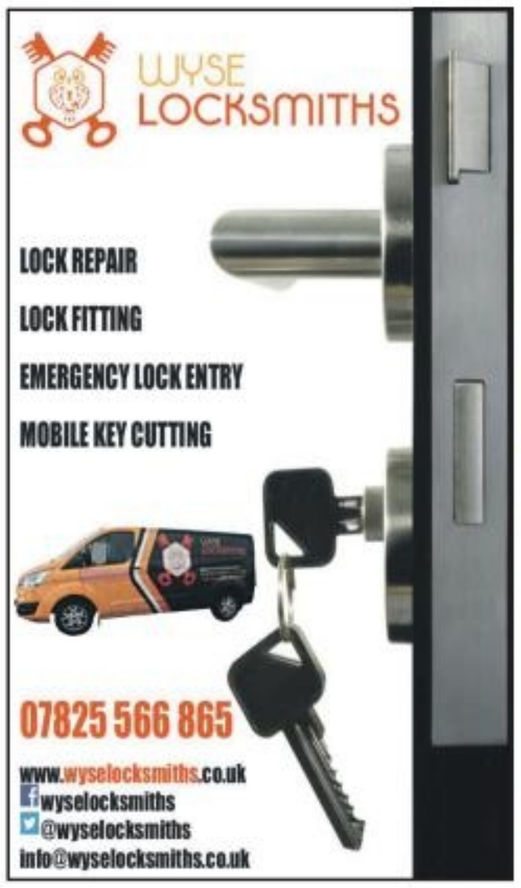

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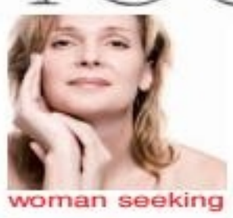
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Bouncing back from cup loss

By George Welch

SLOW-STARTING Basingstoke Bison lost to Swindon Wildcats for the second time this season as their 10-match unbeaten run was halted in the National Cup.

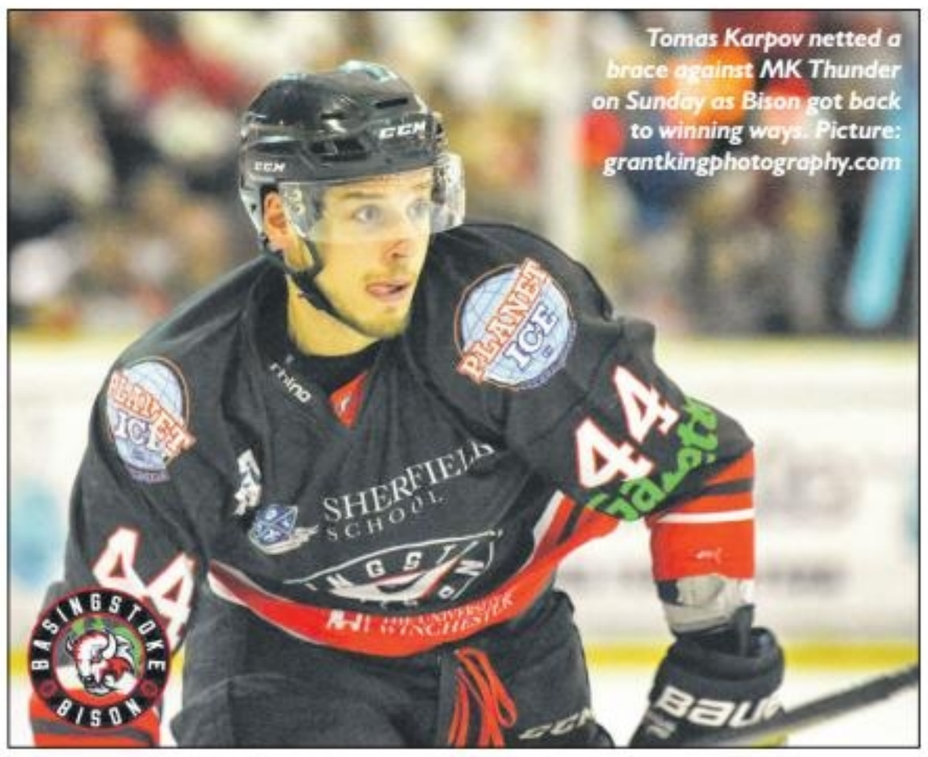
The Herd were flat from the off in Saturday's 3-1 home loss and were three goals behind before the first period buzzer.

Chris Jones (12 minutes), Jordan Kelsall (13) and Maxim Birbraer (20) scored to catch the accommodating hosts still half asleep for a convincing early lead.

After a goalless middle period, 'Stoke netted their consolation with five minutes remaining through Dan Scott.

But that was the only positive on a disappointing afternoon, in which Bison lost ground on the Group D leaders and slipped to third after Telford won in Bracknell.

However, Basingstoke's fortunes changed when they went back to league action for Sunday's trip to MK Thunder.


Tomas Karpov netted a brace against MK Thunder on Sunday as Bison got back to winning ways. Picture: grantkingphotography.com

Despite a goalless first period, the Herd strolled to a 6-0 win to beat their Buckinghamshire opposition for the second time in as many weeks and maintain their 100 per cent league record.

Tomas Karpov (29 & 51) and Roman Malinik (38 & 58) netted a brace each, with Scott (55) and Ivan Antonov (60) adding the extras.

Four of Bison's six goals came in the final nine minutes as they successfully bounced back from defeat.

Head coach Doug Sheppard said: "It was good to bounce back [against MK Thunder] after a disappointing loss at home [to Swindon Wildcats].

"The most disappointing thing about Saturday for me was our start at home. It was a big game against quality opposition and we came out a bit flat and that turned out to be the deciding period of the game."

Of Sunday's win, he added: "I thought we responded very well with a good road win.

"It would have been easy to come out dejected after [the previous] night's result but we played a full 60 minutes, did a lot of things well in all departments and we got rewarded towards the end with a few more goals too."

Bison travel to Peterborough Phantoms in the National Cup on Saturday before hosting London Raiders in the league the following day.

Test debut for Collard's son

BRITISH Touring Car Championship racer Rob Collard's son Ricky made his testing debut with factory BMW team WSR at Silverstone, as the young racer looks to follow in his father's footsteps.

The 21-year-old from Eversley completed 122 laps on the national circuit on Friday alongside two-time BTCC champion Colin Turkington, who completed 92 laps.

Ricky is an official BMW Motorsport Junior Driver, having competed in ADAC GT Masters in Germany for the manufacturer.

He admitted to being relieved to finally get the chance to get behind the wheel of one of the cars having been around the paddock for so long.

He said: "I've been around the BTCC paddock for a long time through my dad's racing and always wanted to drive one, so I'm extremely grateful to have been given the chance to do this by WSR.

"The car is quite a bit different to the GT3 and DTM BMWs I've driven this year, but the handling is fantastic and I can see why it's won so many races and championships in the BTCC.

"It's been an enjoyable day, but we'll have to see if it leads to anything."

Ricky is the second member of the Collard family to drive the WSR-run BMW 125i M Sport as dad Rob was part of the Team BMW line-up that won the BTCC teams' title in 2017 and helped BMW to secure the manufacturers' crown.

Ricky Collard in action. Picture: btcc.net

Stoke win battle of Towns with comfortable victory

BASINGSTOKE Town continued their excellent home record with a comfortable 2-0 win over fellow mid-table side Biggleswade Town.

The Dragons made light work of the Waders on Saturday, with Sam Smart and Callum Bunting finding the back of the net either side of half time.

The three points and clean sheet extended the unbeaten run at the Camrose to eight games.

The home side dominated throughout the match and the game started at a frantic pace.

Both Ben Wright and Bunting forced Liam Gooch into three saves within the first 10 minutes.

However, in the 11th minute the keeper went from hero to zero with an absolute howler.

Looking as if he would easily collect a header back to him from his defender, he dropped the ball and it was gobbled up by Smart, who gleefully rolled it into an empty net.

It took just seven minutes of the second half for 'Stoke to double their lead.

Smart's flick found Bunting who, with his back to goal, took a touch before volleying into the bottom right hand corner.

'Wade had just one shot on target in the match and it fell to their brightest player, Greg Kazinobi, but his long-range effort was gathered with ease by Colm McAdden.

Sam Deadfield nearly added gloss to the victory, but 2-0 is how it stayed.

'Stoke host league leaders Kings Lynn on Saturday.

Sport Bites

Rose in running for Race to Dubai

GOLF: Justin Rose is one of three golfers fighting for the Race to Dubai crown at the European Tour's DP World Tour Championship finale.

The in-form north Hampshire golfer, who has won his last two competitions following a two-year drought, will need to put in another top class performance to pip Tommy Fleetwood for the title.

Back-to-back successes in China and Turkey moved Rose to within €200,000 of Fleetwood in the order of merit.

Compatriot Fleetwood leads the standings with 4,114,088 points, while Rose sits second with 3,979,250.

Spaniard Sergio Garcia, the reigning US Masters champion, is close behind, on 3,184,582 points and is still in with a shot.

Rose will tee off at 8.40am (GMT) today (Thursday) and has been paired with Tommy Fleetwood.

Third time unlucky

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC failed to score for the third time this season after losing 40-0 at Petersfield on Saturday.

Despite picking up their first London Three South West point via a try bonus the previous week at home to Trojans they were well-beaten by mid-table Petersfield.

They have a week off before hosting Teddington on November 25.

Tadley flying high

FOOTBALL: It was a high-scoring weekend for Wessex League First Division sides Tadley Calleva and Whitchurch United on Saturday.

Tadley won 5-0 at Ringwood Town to leapfrog two teams up to third in the table while Whitchurch overcame bottom club Folland Sports 4-1 at Longmeadow.

Tadley, one point off the summit, travel to Folland Sports and Whitchurch visit Alton on Saturday.

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Webb nets a brace to create FA Trophy history for Row

By George Welch

HISTORY makers Hartley Wintney cruised into the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy for the first time in their history with a 3-0 win over a subdued Gosport Borough.

A first half brace from Josh Webb and a Paul Hodges goal after the break sent the Row through in the all-Hampshire clash to set up a third qualifying round tie at Farnborough or Banbury United on November 25.

Hartley were the better side but it was the National League South's bottom club – who only have a solitary point to their name –who should have been ahead within the first 60 seconds.

A good cross from Liam Mears found Dale Mason in the box but the winger, who did well to create a good chance, screwed his shot across the face of goal.

After averting the early scare the Row put in a controlled performance to ease into the next round.

They went ahead midway through the first period when, in front of a decent crowd of 216, a surging run from Hodges set up Webb, who fired an unstoppable shot into the net.

The forward added his second on 26 minutes, curling home a delightful shot past Tom Price from the edge of the box.

Dale Mason fired wide for Boro two minutes later before Hartley thought they had added a third goal just before the interval.

Good passing between Louie Paget and Hodges allowed Jake Baxter to run on and put the ball into the net. However, the celebrations were cut short by the assistant's raised flag.

Eight minutes after the restart and the Row put the game to bed with their third of the afternoon.

Rowan Vine and star man Webb combined well to create a chance for Hodges to fire home from 12 yards and send Hartley into the next round.

Daniel Brownlie and Anthony Millerick's side were knocked out of the BigFreeBet.com Challenge Cup after a 2-1 home defeat to Marlow on Tuesday.

Jordace Holder-Spooner gave the away side the lead just before half time but the Row hit back through Michael Buck on 75 minutes.

Marlow landed the decisive blow two minutes before time when Marcus Mealing scored to send the away side into the next round.

Hartley, who are fourth in the table, return to Evo-Stik South East action on Saturday when they host fellow high-flyers Cambridge City (2nd) in a top-of-the-table clash.

Bison's Cup pain in more ways than one

It was a painful start to the weekend for Dan Scott, pictured, and his Basingstoke Bison team-mates as the Herd lost further ground in the National Cup with a 3-1 home defeat to Swindon Wildcats.

Doug Sheppard's side also slipped a position in Group D, however, they made amends with a point to prove as they thrashed MK Thunder 6-0 in Buckinghamshire when they returned to league action the following day.

Basingstoke still have their 100 per cent league record in tact but remain third in NIHL1 (Britton) with games in hand.
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